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SUBJECT: SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE DEPLOYMENTS AND PL-480

REF: A) CONAKRY 287 B) STATE 45212 C) STATE 41295

1. REF B REPORTS AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA NOW PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 4. AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE, AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA WILL PAY COURTESY CALL ON SECRETARY, FOLLOWING WHICH HE BECOMES APPOINTED AMBASSADOR AND MAY CONDUCT NECESSARY BUSINESS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. CALLS ON OTHER AGENCIES OF THE USG AND OTHER DIPLOMATS SHOULD AWAIT FORMAL PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT. IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENCE OF KOUROUMA'S ARRIVAL, WE PROPOSE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ANY SPECIFIC APPROACHES TO US REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF THE PL-480 AGREEMENT BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THE SUSPENSION OURSELVES.

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2. IN CONNECTION WITH A REVIEW OF OUR POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE CONTINUED USE OF CONAKRY BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST THE EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF THE GUINEAN POSITION WITH REGARD TO HALCO'S SHARE OF CGB. THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION, ON WHICH WE WISH THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS, IS WHETHER, IF WE PRESSED THE GOG

HARD ON THE ISSUE OF THE FLIGHTS, THE GOG WOULD RETALIATE
BY ASSUMING GREATER CONTROL OF CBG AND THUS OF HALCO'S
OPERATIONS IN GUINEA.

3. WITH REGARD TO APPROACH BY EMBASSY TO THE GUINEAN
GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE OVERFLIGHTS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY
OF US AND NATO FORCES BY TU-95'S FROM CONAKRY, WE ARE
STILL WAITING FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS FORWARDED TO THE DEPART-
MENT BY THE NAVY. A DECISION OF WHETHER OR HOW TO RAISE
THIS WITH THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW WHEN WE HAVE
SEEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS (REF C).

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